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**METHOD** 

STATEMENT OF CORY W. CARTER UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(2)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, CORY W. CARTER, have read and understand the content of the "Petition To Correct Inventorship Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)" submitted concurrently herewith to correct the inventorship of the above-identified application. I hereby state that I was mistakenly not included as a named inventor of the above-identified invention and application therefor and that this error in inventorship occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

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